

Seward County Oil & Gas Co. Is Now In Operation

After Shut-Down, During which Time Proposition Was Thoroughly Financed Work Is Again Started

The test being drilled by the Seward County Oil and Gas company, eight and one-half miles north of Liberal was again started Wednesday and every effort will be made to sink the well rapidly.

J. C. Mahoney and associates started blocking the acreage in 1915, and the first operations were started August 2, 1918, which start was made necessary by the fact that the leases would soon become due. From that time until today the work has continued.

There has been many shut-downs and delays which could not be avoided, but the officers of the company have never ceased their efforts to sink the test.

One load of rig timbers were unloaded, then another, then the derrick built, and finally the machinery was secured.

The well was spudded in just in time to save the leases held by the company, but material could not be gotten to keep the drill going steadily.

The work was seriously handicapped owing to the fact that the stock was a slow sale. People here lacked the enthusiasm of those at the head of the organization, and always there was the financial problem to be solved.

Then the rumor spread that a well would be brought in west of town. Everyone wanted stock—but there was no stock for sale. A group of bankers and business men had bought all the stock the company would sell, the books closed and stock taken off the market.

The very fact that the stock could not be bought caused a demand, while the rumors of a producer in the Traders test heightened the desire for shares.

One ten was first bid, then two dollars, then three, but no one cared to sell. Finally five was offered with no success, and we have heard of several seven dollar offers being refused.

Now that the drill is again started, the company finances sufficiently to finish the hole, the stock will likely go to ten or fifteen to one, but it is doubtful if anyone would sell at those figures.

Regardless of the outcome of the Traders test this well will be drilled as promised, and the geological and other conditions are really better for a producer than in the west field.

A. G. STEWART STILL FEELING OPTIMISTIC

A few weeks ago A. G. Stewart created a mild sensation by getting out and leasing a large block of acreage. He was paying good money for leases and playing the game strong. A lot of folks thought he was crazy, but they have all changed their minds.

To a Democrat reporter this morning Mr. Stewart expressed the opinion that conditions were most favorable. "I have a lot of good stuff," said Mr. Stewart, "but I am not anxious to sell. I will turn loose of a little of it if I can get enough for it, but I have not yet come to the point where I am ready to back up." This is about the sentiment expressed by the oil men this morning. The starting of the drill in the Seward County Oil & Gas company's test and the favorable outlook in the Traders test is causing a healthy lease market.

ACCIDENTALLY CAUGHT IN THRESHING MACHINE BELT

While working around a threshing machine down at Tyrone Tuesday, Guy Groves got caught some way in a large belt and was thrown some distance receiving severe injuries about the face and neck and his right foot hurt. He was brought home the same day. He is resting easy today.

ANOTHER AIRPLANE IN THE CITY

The second airplane is here today. It was brought from Dodge City and is here to be repaired. Beeler Blevins will have charge of it.

MARRIED

Lowell H. Roach of Liberal, Kansas, and Mary E. Hendrickson of Arthur, Ills., were married at Liberal, July 28, by Rev. A. E. Henry at the Methodist parsonage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hughes of Arthur, Ills. The groom is well known in Liberal by the younger people and is a prosperous young farmer. Congratulations are extended.

BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester M. Cook, July 20, a boy.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frain July 22, a boy.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bippus July 23, a girl.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Downington July 23, a girl.

DIED

Eva the 7 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goertzen died at her home near Floris Monday July 26. Funeral services will be held tomorrow and interment made in the Menninette cemetery Wednesday, July 28.

GO TO FT. RILEY

Lieut. Evans and Corp. Ernest Stephens and Sargt. Harrison left for Fort Riley Wednesday eve. to join the other members of the local rifle team. They will try out for the State team and from the excellent record they have made here it is expected that the boys will make the team, and will then go on to Camp Perry, Ohio.

PLEASANT VALLEY ITEMS

We are glad again to see the wind blow, as a number of us needs water. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scott spent Sunday evening at Sherman Hopewell's. Thrashing seems to be the order of the day in this neighborhood this week.

Mrs. Fred Black entertained a bunch of little girls from the Sunday school class Sunday. Ice cream was served, they all reported a good time.

The little son of Will Harrol had the misfortune of getting his arm broke, while falling from a granary. Mr. and Mrs. John Fulley spent Sunday evening at Sherman Hopewell's.

Marshall Scott took Sunday dinner at Walter Hoskinson's.

Mr. Fred Black's little son is very sick at this writing.

A number of young folks attended the Singing in the Lone Star neighborhood Sunday evening.

Grace and Alma Scott was in Liberal Saturday taking their violin lessons.

Mrs. Luther Mays died at her home Tuesday, after a short illness.

Helen Curtis, Alma Hopewell and Grace and Alma Scott went Monday afternoon to Estella Heath's to take music lessons.

Every body enjoyed the nice shower we got Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Hoskinson Tuesday evening.

Fred Black is thrashing for a few days.

Mrs. Will got her arm sprained from cranking a car.

Mrs. Ed Scott was calling at Mr. Luther Mays Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred Black was shopping in Liberal Tuesday.

PRIMARY ELECTION NEXT WEEK WILL BE INTERESTING

Both Parties Have Several Contests and a Heavy Vote Will be Cast in Kansas

Next Tuesday is Primary Election day in Kansas and that there will be a heavy vote polled is conceded by political leaders of both parties.

Both parties have contests for the office of Governor, the Republicans having two candidates; the Democrats four.

On the Democratic ticket will be the names of O. T. Wood of Liberal; Jonathan M. Davis of Bronson; W. S. Hyatt of Parsons and Dempster O. Potts of Wichita.

The Republicans have as their candidates Henry J. Allen of Wichita and Geo. P. Snow of Oakland.

Seward and adjoining counties will vote for O. T. Wood for governor. Wood has lived in this section for so many years that everyone knows him, and there will be but few votes for the other candidates in this part of the state, although there are some good men against him.

As to the race between Allen and Snow we are not well informed. A straw vote shows Snow has unusual strength, and while it is hardly likely, there is a possibility of his winning the nomination.

"In local politics there is no interest, as there are no real contests."

GOVERNOR COX MAY COME TO HUTCHINSON

Postmaster Sam Graybill Trying to Get Democratic Nominee for a Speech.

(Hutchinson News)

Hutchinson may have an opportunity to hear the Democratic presidential nominee during the Kansas State Fair.

Postmaster Sam Graybill said today that he is working to bring Governor Cox of Ohio, the Bourbon standard bearer here for a speaking engagement some time during the fair. He is confident that a date can be arranged.

"It's just a question of whether he can get this far by fair time," said Mr. Graybill. "Governor Cox is starting on his speaking tour on September 12th and plans to come to Kansas. If at all possible he will be brought here during the state fair."

Mr. Graybill has been in communication with Sam Amidon, Democratic National committeeman from Kansas, who is now in Ohio, conferring with Governor Cox and upon the return of Mr. Amidon to Wichita hopes to get something definite on whether or not Governor Cox can get to Hutchinson during the fair which begins on September 18 and closes September 24.

EUREKA ITEMS

Harvest is over and threshing has begun in our community.

Will Delay and family started overland to Colorado to visit his wife's parents.

We are having some very warm weather at this time.

Our minister, Mr. McCormick has gone to summer school and will be gone a month. Mr. Craft of Tyrone will preach for us next Sunday and we will also have a missionary program on that day.

Little Janet Riny was quite sick last week with asthma.

C. E. Morehouse and family took Sunday dinner with their son Lew and family who live on their farm.

W. T. Capps and family took dinner at the C. H. Morehouse home Sunday and little Mildred Capps stayed with her aunt, Mrs. W. A. King and will visit a few days with relatives.

C. E. Morehouse while in Liberal Saturday had the misfortune to have his car run into while crossing over the oil station. It broke the front wheel and injured the car so he had to leave it at the garage to get it repaired.

Mrs. Peek's daughter, Lillie Hodges from Hooker is visiting her this week and Mr. Peek's daughter is with them from Kansas City.

LORENA

Mrs. Tryon and three sons returned to their homes Saturday. Abe is remaining here where he will for awhile.

We hear that Ralph Hill has sent in his resignation as carrier on the long route out of Lorena, the Post Office Inspector was here this week looking up a postmaster for Lorena.

There was a party at C. M. Smith's Saturday evening, every body had a fine time.

Ethel Kyte of Elkhart is spending the week at the Wheeler home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charley Green July 27, a boy.



Ladies' Hose....

We are showing an unparalleled line of ladies hose in lisle and silk hat are guaranteed as to fit and good wearing qualities.

Our lines include many colors and all sizes. Some fancy designs from which to choose.

Late Summer Wash Goods

Some nifty gingham are on display in our store and we are making special prices at this time. Also beautiful patterns in lawn, organdie, voiles, etc.

Ask our clerks to show you these. Just the thing for childrens' school dresses.

FRANK G. BOLES

Dry Goods, Shoes and Furnishings

MESSAGE FROM AIRPLANE REACHED VICKERS PROMPTLY

Note in Bottle Dropped in Wichita Addressed to Alfred Vickers Was Delivered

When Beeler Blevins left Liberal Friday morning on his thousand mile trip he carried in his pocket a bottle containing a message from Jennie Karau to J. A. Vickers of the Vickers Petroleum company of Wichita.

When Blevins made his circle over that city the bottle was dropped from the clouds.

This morning Mrs. Karau received a letter from Alfred saying that the message was on his desk when he returned from the Florence field.

Mr. Vickers said he had made some big investments in that field, but would visit Liberal and get into the game here is the field continued as promising as suggested.

He will be here tonight on Rock Island train No. 3.

Mrs. Karau is among the live boosters for the Liberal field and is handling considerable acreage in the good territory near Liberal.

ANTELOPE VALLEY

John Thompson and a number of friends recently returned from an extended trip in Colorado.

H. R. Parken has been thrashing near Liberal during the last week.

Andrew Durain and several friends were Liberal visitors Sunday afternoon.

Andy Mitchell of Liberal and a number of friends attended Antelope services Sunday.

The Antelope Boosters met with Mrs. Collet July 21st. Twenty-seven were present, who fashioned silk quilt blocks during the afternoon.

A very nice lunch was served by Mrs. Collet. Before adjourning announcement was made that the next meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Arbutnot, Wednesday August 4. The Boosters always have good pleasant meetings and invite everyone to attend and help enjoy boosting.

CARD OF THANKS

We appreciate very greatly the kindness extended to us by friends and neighbors during the illness and death of our baby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Igou.

KISMET NEWS

Ben Smith moved his family into the Cransey property located just north of the barber shop the latter part of last week.

Howard Nelson and wife were Liberal visitors last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have been visiting with the former mother since harvest.

Helen Miller of Messler came in Friday to visit a few days with Dorothy Pinkerton.

Mrs. Mary Elliott was kind enough to take with her to her farm Friday afternoon the following children; Dorothy Pinkerton, Lorine Hicks and her two little brothers, Eugene and Earl.

H. D. Massoni started thrashing on the D. R. Snyder farm north of town. The reports are that the wheat is turning out fine. Some wheat just north of Mr. Snyder's farm threshed out better than 30 bushels.

Mrs. Pat Stockton went to Liberal Friday evening to visit a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. McClure and son Jry.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Beale, Maude Nutt and Arthur Handy motored to Liberal Sunday afternoon to see the oil well.

Audrey Pinkerton, Ina Nutt and Marshall Pinkerton went to Liberal Saturday on No. 1 to take in the shows in the evening.

Novel Gilliat and Alice Simonson were guests of Helen Miller and Dorothy Pinkerton at the Pinkerton home Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Benson left Sunday for a few days visit with home folks near Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Guldner, Audrey and Marshall Pinkerton and Claud Davis were dinner guests at the Maud Nutt home visiting Miss Ina Nutt.

H. D. Massoni took a car load of Liberal Sunday afternoon to see the oil well.

Mrs. Mary Elliott drove to Copeland Sunday, taking Mr. and Mrs. Weide to look at a thrashing outfit.

Mrs. J. W. Pinkerton went to Arkalon Monday to go on out to visit her son, Tom and wife, for a few days.

Herbert Fellers of Mullinville came in Wednesday for a few days visit at the J. H. Light home.

Mrs. P. L. Davis and children and Mrs. Geo. Rose and children attended

the circus at Liberal Thursday.

Mrs. Clint Rector and children of Liberal came in Thursday afternoon for a few days visit at the Beler Barr home south of town.

A deal has been closed whereby the interests of A. C. Jones in the Jones & Beal garage, becomes the property of H. H. Beale.

Mrs. Ben Smith went to Dodge City Friday to take an examination in cream testing.

Geo. Rose went to Liberal Thursday to see about leasing some oil land.

H. A. Reickers was a Liberal visitor Thursday on business.

Mrs. Ernest Lewis from southwest of town was calling at the parsonage Friday afternoon.

A. G. Nutt was in Liberal Wednesday interviewing a dentist about a contrary tooth.

Joe Wyrick informs us that he has forty-five acres of corn in silk and tassel. That listens good for spring crop. There are other fields not far behind.

Harvey Sanger and Johnny Buckfink went to Liberal Thursday to take in the circus.

Lawrence Hays was another one to go to Liberal for circus day.

E. A. Louthen is the proud owner of a new Chevrolet car; bought of a Liberal agency.

Geo. Bayha made a business trip to Denver, Colo., the latter part of last week.

Wm. Hacker of Mountain Grove, Mo., stopped here to visit with the H. S. Mooney family the latter part of last week.

Mrs. R. E. Benson was in Liberal Friday and Saturday doing some shopping.

FIRE IN LIBERAL AUTO BATTERY SHOP

The explosion of a fire under the water distillery in the battery department of the Liberal Auto Supply company, caused a blaze Wednesday that needed the assistance of the fire department to extinguish.

All new batteries and supplies in the building were carried out and the main damage was to the building which is estimated at about \$600.

Faye Skinner and uncle, A. G. Skinner, left Wednesday for a visit with relatives at Granville, New Mexico.